Free education to girl child

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the affiliated shcools of CBSE to provide free education to all the girl child who are "Single Child" in their family;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the CBSE affiliated schools thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The CBSE *vide* circular No. CBSE/AFF/2005/2281-30743, dated 18.10.2005 has directed all Government and affiliated schools to provide full waiver of all fees (including tuition fee and all other fees under any head except the meals and transportation) charged by them, to each girl student from class VI onwards who is the "Single Child" of her parents. The Affiliation Bye-laws of the Board have also accordingly been made amended. The amended provisions are applicable to all schools affiliated with the Board. However, already affiliated schools will have a choice to implement these directives either with immediate effect or from the next academic session commencing from 1.4.2006. For schools seeking affiliation with CBSE, the implementation will be with immediate effect.

(c) The Scheme has been introduced in order to discourage indifferent attitudes and discrimination against girl children and to promote education for girl children including their health and well being.

(d) Most of the schools have agreed to implement the scheme from 1.4.2006. However, a few schools have requested review of the decision.